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ABSTRACT

The annual meeting of the Commission of the Professors of Adult Education included reports from several committees; discussion of such topics as teacher training for adult education, encouraging participation in the Commission, graduate programs; and a business meeting. Fifty-nine professors of adult or extension education from 35 institutions were present. A report was given on the study of where adult education courses and programs are developing and on the Professional Development Committee of the National Association for Public School Adult Education. A proposal was outlined for teacher training in adult education. It was decided not to revise the book, "Adult Education--Outlines of an Emerging Field of University Study," but to re-do parts of it in pamphlet form. Domain teams were formed to evaluate, summarize, and disseminate research related to adult education. A resolution was adopted to be sent to Secretary Richardson protesting the reported test of political party affiliation being applied to the selection of expert personnel for the committees of the White House Conference on the Aging in 1971. Paul V. Delker of the Office of Education spoke on "1971 Adult Education Emphases and Concerns of the U.S. Office of Education." (EB)

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1970 MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Commission of the Professors of Adult Education

October 25-26
Dinkler Plaza Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Fifty-nine professors of adult or extension education from 35 different institutions were present at some point in time during the two-day session.

Individuals listed on the 1970 membership list who were present included: Apps, Atwood, Beavers, Blackburn, Boyle, Cass, Copeland, Craddock, Dolan, Draper, DuBois, Fay, Flaherty, Frank, Gordon, Griffin, Griffith, Hadlock, Heckel, Houle, Ingham, Jensen, Johnson, Kleis, Knowles, Knox, Lawrence, Leagans, Long, McClusky, Mezirow, Niemi, Perrill, Peters, Rhyne, Robinson, Schroeder, Seaman, Shearon, Spence, Steele, Theide, Watson.

Others present included: DeCrow, Farmer, Flowers, Whinfield, Burman, Thornton, Delker, Sherran, Parsons, Rose, Gordon, Carpenter, Cassara, Halverson, Snyder, Bornichter, Lunsdan. (See Appendix for institutions).

Forty-three of the 104 members on the 1970 membership lists were present. Twenty-five of the 33 institutions listed in the 1970 survey of graduate programs were represented.

The meeting of the Commission was convened at 9:00 on October 25. Chairman Griffith reviewed the agenda and asked for comments. Steele was appointed Secretary. The Resolution regarding the screening of White House Conference committees was added to the agenda for the Business Meeting.

Paul V. Delker of the Office of Education spoke to the Commission on "1971 Adult Education Emphases and Concerns of the U. S. Office of Education."

Committee Reports:

Graduate Program Survey

Ingham reported on the study of where adult education courses and programs are developing. It was noted that some Canadian Universities were not included but that further information is in the journal of the Canadian Adult Education Journal--Continuous Learning. Draper is to send a list of Canadian institutions to Commission members when the Canadian list is updated. Suggestions were solicited for additional questions for future studies. It was suggested that information as to the number of credits transferable be given. Draper and Perrill volunteered to serve with Ingham. (Copies distributed; available from Ingham.)

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European Tour

Ingham reported that although 10-15 showed some interest in the European tour, interest was not sufficient for one to be held.

Graduate Students

Volunteers to serve in the graduate opportunities room at AEA were obtained. Ingham served as Chairman of one-man planning committee.

Nominating Committee

The following nominating committee was appointed: Robinson, chairman, Perrill, Draper.

Literature Review

Blackburn, Ohliger and Knox were appointed to join Copeland, Kreitlow and Nadler on the literature review project committee.

Professor Exchange

Schroeder reported on the professor exchange project. It was recommended that such activity be continued. (Copies distributed; contact Schroeder.)

Outstanding Thesis

Long reported that the outstanding thesis committee had not had time to take action. Long will chair; Farmer, Niemi and Gordon will serve on the committee. It will meet during the session. DeCrow reported briefly on ERICs role in collecting dissertations.

Membership

There was no report from the Membership Committee in the absence of the Chairman, George D. Russell.

Policy

The Committee on Policy had not met.

Applied Fields

The Applied Fields Committee indicated that a contact had been made and that a representative of the Commission was being included in the White House Conference on the aging. The issue of political screening was discussed and Kleis, Chairman, Knowles, Houle, and Fay were appointed to draft a resolution.

Theory Building

Dolan reported for the Theory Building Committee. One major conference has been held. Mezirow has been dealing with a theory of practice.

NAPSE Prof. Dev.

Schroeder reported on the NAPSE Prof. Dev.. Committee which met on May 21-22. The three goals of the committee are: 1) to encourage and stimulate the development of pre-service and in-service training materials especially designed for the adult educator in public continuing education programs; 2) document and describe the existence of career ladders in the field of public continuing education; 3) establish a nationwide network of counseling services to assist individuals and groups of adult educators to clarify and develop their own professional improvement. Specific activities included collecting and publishing proceedings from Institutes on Adult Basic Education; and identifying functions in adult education and forming committees to anlayze these functions. A paper by Fleming and Lippitt on "Opportunities for Careers in Adult and Continuing Education for Paraprofessionals and Volunteers" was brought to the attention of the group. Other committee members include: Clegg, Grady, Stanius, Boon, Bennett, and Murray.

Other Items of Business

Hadlock outlined a proposal for teacher training in adult education. He solicited the names of professors interested in taking part in the project. Its general purpose will be that of encouraging Deans and Directors of Teacher Training Institutions to develop interest in the preparation of teachers of adults.

Literature Review Project. The afternoon session was given over to formation of domain teams which will evaluate, summarize and disseminate research related to adult education. Griffith gave a summary of how the project came into being. Copeland outlined procedures of operation. DeCrow indicated that ERIC would provide abstracts of materials in the files and when the original is not available will help the reviewer locate it. However, participants are responsible for utilizing journal articles and materials in ERIC collections on their campus and other materials which are available in their own libraries. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in individual domain groups. Because of a scarcity of people, fewer than half of the 36 teams were actually able to meet.

The teams which did meet reported back briefly the following day. Each Domain Chairman is to file a "flight plan" with Copeland indicating how they defined the domain with which the team is working and their intents related to it.

Revision of Adult Education--Emerging Field. There are presently about 1,000 copies. It was the general feeling the book was better used as a source book for advanced students than as a text. It was decided not to revise the book as is but to re-do some parts of it in pamphlet form. Peters, Griffin, Perrill, and Bornichter will serve as a committee to look at the possibilities of such publication.

Opportunity for Participation. Ways of helping new members get involved in the Commission were discussed. "Every Adult Education Professor matters." Regional meetings and a meeting in connection with the Adult Education Research Conference were suggested. It was recommended that the Chairman of the Membership committee examine the list for those individuals who may have left Professorial roles.

Next Year's Program. It was suggested that more attention be given to what we are doing in graduate programs. It was suggested that at least a half a day be so structured as to be available to those teaching adult education courses as well as to those who qualify as members of the Commission.

Monday morning session was divided into interest groups. The two major groups which met explored Mezirow's current research project which deals with a theory of practice and changes in the Adult Education graduate program being proposed by the Adult Education Faculty at Florida State. (Copies of "Development of Practical Theory in Education with Particular Reference to the Education of Adults" by Mezirow and of the Florida State Proposal were made available.)

Business Meeting

October 26 - Professor Griffith, Chairman

The minutes were approved as mailed.

Appreciation was expressed to Schroeder and other commission members for action which has resulted in changing the term "the child" in the Phi Delta Kappa initiation ceremony.

A letter from the Office of Education concerning the failure to fund the proposal discussed at the 1969 meeting was read. No one was forthcoming when the Chairman asked whether there were any volunteers for reworking the proposal.

Robinson presented the report of the nominating committee. He indicated that the committee consider the importance of a geographic and age balance and selected R. Kleis, J. Farmer and J. Peters as new members for the Executive Committee and recommended that Chairman Griffith continue as Chairman. The secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the Committee members. Griffin also continues on the Committee. The Nominating Committee requested that next year's nominating committee be provided with a list of individuals who have served on the Executive Committee and a list giving the year in which all present members joined the Commission.

An Executive Committee meeting was set for 9:00 that evening.

The Kleis committee presented the following resolution. It was adopted to be sent to Secretary Richardson with a copy to Dr. Donahue:

> The Commission of Professors of Adult Education whose membership constitutes the principal source for the training of professional workers in adult education in the nation endorses the purposes of the White House Conference on Aging in 1971.
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> We express our concern, however, over reports from our members and from other sources that a test of political party affiliation is being applied in the selection of expert personnel for the committees of the Conference. Such a policy would be a violation of the purposes of the Conference and of our professional, academic and scientific integrity.
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> We urge the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to issue an immediate statement of assurance that such a policy is in fact repudiated by this Administration.
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> Commission of Professors of
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> Education of the U.S.A.
> Atlanta Convention
> October 25, 1970

Rhyne, editor of Adult Education, briefly discussed the editorial policy of the journal and invited articles. The journal is moving to more articles which are somewhat shorter. It will continue an interest in articles in the following categories: research articles, formal philosophy of adult education, history of adult education, theoretical, comparative adult education, and interpretive reviews of the literature. A motion of appreciation was extended tc Rhyne and the University of North Carolina for taking on the editorial responsibilities. The motion was amended to include similar appreciation to Boyd and the University of Wisconsin for work in the past.

Griffin reported briefly on the Adult Education Research Conference scheduled for New York City in February and extended an invitation for papers.

A committee was authorized to look into membership dues and other alternative ways of supporting meetings of the Commission. McClusky indicated a willingness to serve on such a committee. DuBois will serve as Chairman.

There was discussion as to where the next meeting would be at Los Angeles. AEA will meet from November 5-9 with the first full day on the 6th. It was recommended that Professors keep dates from the 3rd through 6th available for a Commission meeting. A preference for meeting at or near UCLA was expressed.

Farmer indiated that the Research Commission of AEA is interested in co-sponsoring a Sunday evening (November 7th) session at next years Convention at which time the Domain teams would report on their work. It was moved, seconded, amended and passed that the Commission reserve that evening at 8:00 to jointly participate in a program at AEA and NAPSE to present a report on the results of literature analysis or if necessary that another appropriate program be co-sponsored by the two organizations. (Underlined material indicates the accepted amendment.) DeCrow volunteered to help with this meeting.

Questions were raised about membership qualifications. The Chairman indicated that J. Apps would serve as Chairman of the membership committee for the coming year and that committee would probably be reviewing present requirements and bringing issues related to them to next year's meeting for discussion. Other committee members are J. Flaherty and G. Jensen.

Questions were raised as to the state of the archives of the Commission and whether a history of the Commission had been presented or was in process. Draper volunteered to serve on a committee on the state of the archives. DeCrow invited the group to use ERIC as a repository. Jim Draper will serve as Chairman of the Committee.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Commission make a study of users of Adult Education. Ingham, DeCrow and Snyder volunteered to serve as a committee for the Commission. Discussion indicated that the committee should a) check with Office of Education to see whether they may already be gathering adequate information, b) consider some of the methodological problems in the Rivera and Johnson study before attempting to replicate it.

It was moved, seconded and passed that an ad hoc committee be appointed to explore the possibilities of regional conferences of Professors and graduate students and to make recommendations about such conferences. Subsequent discussion indicated that the Executive Committee could serve as the ad hoc committee..

Reactions were requested from first timers. Some of the items that came up were: a desire for more substantive presentations perhaps with papers provided in advance; name tags; small tables so folks can get better acquainted.

It was indicated that it was particularly important to have a good attendance at next year's Commission meeting.

The business meeting adjourned at 4:00.

Appendix

Addresses and Institutions of participants whose names do not appear on the 1970 membership list. (Taken from roll sheet.)

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Morton Gordon	University of Mich.		Ann Arbor, Mich.
Wm. L. Carpenter	NC State University		Raleigh, N. C.
Beverly B. Cassara	Federal City College		Washington, D. C.
M. Brent Halverson	Ga. So. College		Stateboro, S. C.
Robert E. Snyder	University of S. C.		Columbia, S. C.
Arthur Bornichter	Florida Atlantic Univ.		Boca Raton, Flo.
D. Barry Lunsdan	Univ. of N. C.		Chapel Hill, N. C.

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